GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY OF OIL AND GAS INSTALLATIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several massive accidents and fire incidents have occurred despite all the security arrangements and alerts in the oil and natural gas installations;

(b) if so, the details during the last three years as on date, undertaking-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry have been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to further strengthen the security arrangements?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The details of major accidents and fire incidents in the major Oil PSUs since 2004 to 2006 are as follows:

Name of the Oil Company	No. of major accidents/ fire incidents		
	2004	2005	2006
ONGC	3	Nil	Nil
IOCL	8	13	16
BPCL	Nil	Nil	Nil
HPCL	9	19	15
OIL	1	1	Nil
GAIL	Nil	Nil	Nil

(c) to (e): The Oil PSUs conducted their own enquiry to analyse the cause of the accident and corrective steps have been taken to ensure that such incidents do not occur in future. The Ministry has also conducted an independent inquiry into the fire incident at BHN platform of ONGC. Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) conducts periodic safety audits of the oil and gas installations on behalf of the Ministry. The observations of OISD are complied with by the National Oil Companies.